



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 111

LCO No. 683



Referred to Committee on HOUSING

Introduced by:
(HSG)

***AN ACT CONCERNING A REVISION TO THE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING
INITIATIVE STATUTE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17b-804 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

3 (a) The Commissioner of Housing shall establish and administer a
4 rent bank program of grants to ensure housing for families whose
5 income does not exceed sixty per cent of the median income in the
6 state, including those receiving temporary family assistance, who are
7 either at risk of becoming homeless or in imminent danger of eviction
8 or foreclosure.

9 (b) To be eligible for assistance under this section, a family shall (1)
10 document, as appropriate, loss of income or increase in expenses
11 including, but not limited to, loss of employment, medical disability or
12 emergency, loss or delay in receipt of other benefits, natural or man-
13 made disaster, substantial and permanent change in household
14 composition and any other condition which the commissioner

15 determines constitutes a severe hardship and is not likely to recur and
16 (2) participate in the assessment and mediation program established
17 under section 17b-805.

18 (c) No family shall receive financial assistance under this section in
19 excess of [one thousand two hundred] two thousand forty-nine dollars
20 during any eighteen consecutive months. Commencing January 1,
21 2015, and annually thereafter, the maximum financial assistance
22 permitted pursuant to this subsection shall increase to reflect a cost-of-
23 living adjustment of one and one-half per cent.

24 (d) The commissioner may adopt regulations in accordance with
25 chapter 54 to determine eligibility standards for grants under this
26 section and to carry out the purposes of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	17b-804
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Statement of Purpose:

To increase the maximum financial assistance currently permitted under the rent bank program and to provide for an annual cost-of-living adjustment to such amount.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]